

From Our Struggle

Acts of terror against our bookshops "The fight is against Marxism"

The patron sent the following telegram to the Reich President on the 13/3/1933:

"President of the Reich von Hindenburg, Berlin.

From Dresden, Magdeburg, Essen, Elberfeld, Düsseldorf, and Gotha I receive reports of unlawful actions and acts of terror against book distribution points and bookshops of Ludendorff's Peoples' Watchtower Publishing House -- up to the complete demolition of the objects and robbery of the books and cash registers in Düsseldorf -- by uniformed and armed Storm Detachment troops. I ask for the same protection for bookshops and book distributors as is given to Jewish businesses.
General Ludendorff"

Magdeburg reports:

"Today at noon another act of terrorism was carried out by the Storm Detachment in our town. The words "Peoples' Court confiscated" and "Erich Ludendorff as honorary doctor" had to be removed from the shop window. Although the police had to confirm that these notices contained no cause for complaint, they told us that our shop would be closed after a new constitution was drawn up, if further riots took place here! In front of our bookshop, the Nazis *[verbatim]* threatened several times that with the help of these riots they would be able to close the shop. They would not rest until that happened."

Dresden reports: "The Ludendorff newspaper stand is located on Annenstraße in the alcove of the tax office. It consists of a small transportable house, which is completely filled with literary works, leaflets, Peoples' Watchtower and Peoples' Court. The attack took place as follows. I would like to point out that Nazis *[verbatim]* were reading at my stand almost every day and were also spreading nasty rumours about the General and his wife, our movement and me. On the morning of 3 March, a Nazi stormtrooper *[verbatim]* came to my stand and read the newspaper. After reading some of it, he said to me: "Ludendorff and Mathilde and I were crazy, because how else could I have read such filth?"

(Taken from: Ludendorffs Volkswarte, Folge 11, from 19.3.1933, page 8.)

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In response to your enquiry of 1.10.1934 about the reason for your non-employment in the elementary school service in Oldenburg, I informed you in a letter of 13.10.1934 that you cannot count on employment, since you do not offer the guarantee that you will at any time stand up for the National Socialist state without hesitation. This reason was decisive for my decision at the time and still is.